

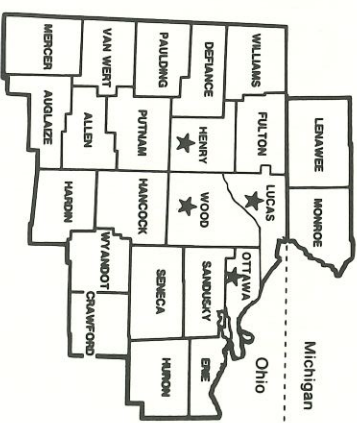
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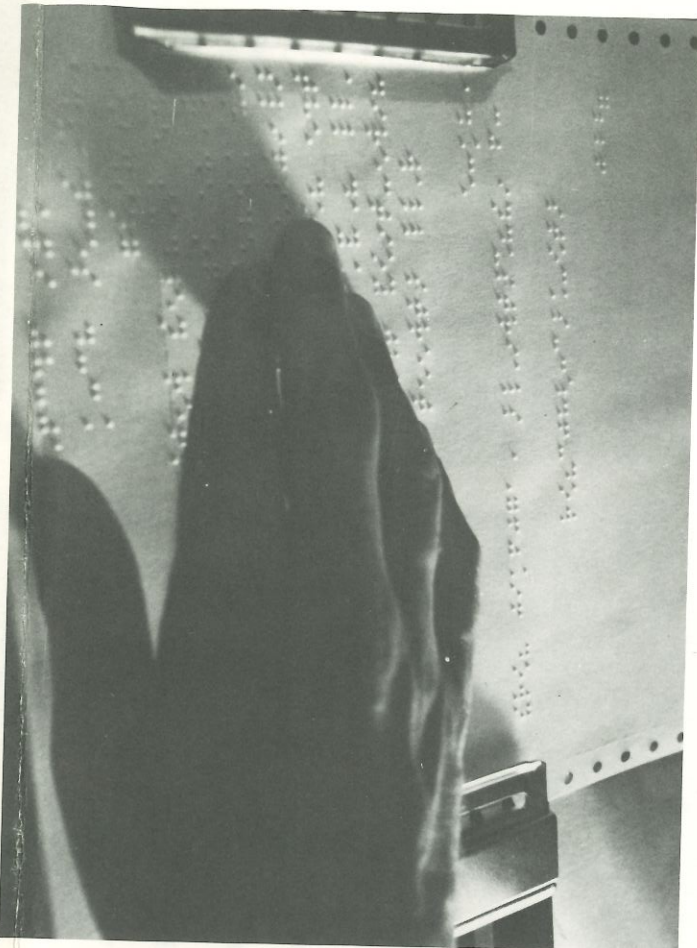


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## Technology Broadens Horizons of the Blind

The technological explosion that produced the computer, the nuclear bomb, and inter-continental television, a revolution that enables human beings to explore the ocean floor, to walk on the moon and send space vessels beyond the solar system, is also having a profound effect on one of humanity's oldest problems: blindness.

Sophisticated tools and methods developed in recent years are extending the horizons of the sight-handicapped as never before.

Cataract removals provide a dramatic example: where once the patient was required to lie flat in a hospital bed for several days following surgery, head blocked in place between sandbags, cataract removals are now routinely performed on an outpatient basis. Intra-ocular lens implants have largely replaced the thick, pop-bottle type spectacles of the past. Vitrectomies, in which blood-filled fluid is withdrawn from the eye's interior and replaced with a clear liquid, are—in some cases—restoring sight to diabetics blinded by blood leaking from the tiny capillaries that nourish the retina.

Laser-beam treatments are often employed to seal off those bleeding capillaries to prevent the eye from filling with blood again.

Laser therapy is also proving helpful, in certain cases, in limiting sight loss from macular degeneration.

Successful surgical repair of detached retinas is much more likely today, through application of microsurgery techniques made possible by advanced technology.

And while they are still a long way from being perfected, organ trans-

plants and genetic engineering hold forth the prospect of preventing certain kinds of sight defects—a hope that was undreamed-of a few generations ago.

Concurrently with advances in medicine, modern technology has produced many new products designed to promote independent living.

One of the more sophisticated—and expensive—is a machine that uses synthetic speech to read printed matter aloud.

The Sight Center owns one, a Kurzweil Reading Machine. It is kept at the University of Toledo so that blind students may perform independent study without having to rely on sighted readers or taped materials. "Kurt," as the machine is known, carries a hefty price tag: \$20,000.

Effective use of the machine requires a certain amount of practice: the flat, monotonous vocal delivery prompted by a light probe scanning a line of printed material is much like listening to someone with a thick foreign accent.

A high-speed braille printer that runs about \$18,000, installed, is a handy item if you're in the communications field. Besides the initial cost, the manufacturer will also suggest that you sign a maintenance contract for about \$1,700 yearly.

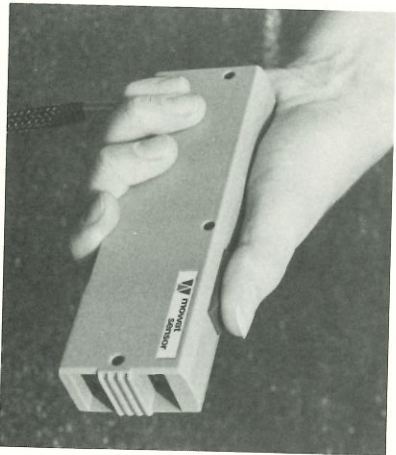
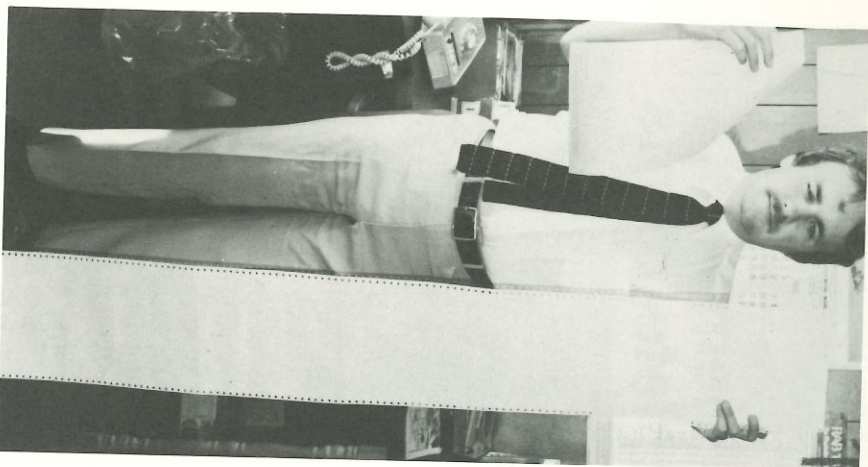
Closed-circuit television sets that magnify print characters up to 60 times normal size enable many people with little sight to read material previously denied them. Several brands are on the market, with most in the \$2,000 range.

But many of the newer tools are less costly and complicated. Examples include a talking calculator (about \$97), talking clock (\$40 or so), talking wristwatch (around \$39), and a speech compressor that sells for \$300 or so.

The latter is especially helpful for people who listen to lengthy taped materials, without distorting speech,

Taking in a steady flow of information over the UPI wire service, the computer at station WLEN-FM, Adrian, MI, prints it simultaneously in alphabet characters and braille—a great time-saving feature for operations manager Doug Spade, whose blindness is total. The computer prints up to 9,600 braille characters per minute. There is a sizeable difference between the amount of material (left hand) Mr. Spade must scan with his fingertips and the printed matter a sighted reader would see, as he demonstrates at right.

The battery-operated Mowat Sensor, below, emits ultrasonic sound to spot objects in the traveler's path. it has an effective range of about 12 feet.



As this Newsletter went to press, the Sight Center's \$500,000 capital fund drive had passed the 80 per cent mark in gifts and pledges and appeared headed toward a successful conclusion, with many organizations and individuals who had been solicited yet to respond. Bids were being taken on the No. 1 priority item: replacing the Center's 30-year-old roof and installing insulation before the arrival of cold weather.

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# Clients Give Agency High Marks

The great majority of Sight Center clients give the agency and its personnel high marks for the quality of services they receive here, according to a random survey taken during the summer.

Ninety-six per cent of those who were asked said they were treated with dignity and respect by the Sight Center staff.

Eighty-six per cent said they received needed services in a timely manner: 76 per cent said the Center's services and procedures were adequately explained to them; and 97 per cent reported that they continue to use the rehabilitation techniques they were taught in maintaining their independence.

While only 36 per cent of those queried had received orientation and mobility instruction, 90 per cent of that 36 per cent reported that they continue to use what they learned during O & M lessons.

Eighty-eight per cent said that they receive *Goin' On*, the Center's monthly newsletter, but fewer than half — 48 per cent — said they found it useful, chiefly because they cannot read it.

And 100 per cent agreed that they would feel comfortable in calling the

Sight Center if they needed it again. The survey was conducted by Beverly R. Gerner, a Bowling Green State University graduate student who was not acquainted with the clients.

In all, she queried 50 people, selected at random, who had received at least 4.0 hours of direct service in 1985.

The private interviews were conducted without the knowledge of, or input from, other staff members, Ms. Gerner said.

Only her supervisor, rehabilitation counsellor Vicki Obee, and executive director Barry A. McEwen knew the evaluation was in progress.

"The information generated by this survey will be reviewed by our board of trustees to determine which of our existing programs and services need modifying, and whether new ones should be implemented," Mr. McEwen said.

Strong points listed by some of the clients included the quality of rehabilitation teaching and orientation and mobility training, and the value of support groups.

Social events, including Happy Times and Family Night, also drew praise, while several clients were favorably impressed that agency personnel come to the client's home to provide services, instead of requiring that client to come to the Center.

Typical comments included, "Every-one good at their job," "Gave me confidence," and "Increasing in-

dependence."

On the negative side, one person believed that young clients are liked better by the staff.

Another expressed dissatisfaction at having to "keep bugging them" to get needed services, while another said the type food served at Happy Times needs improvement.

Other weak points included "Building needs improvements," "Send someone to talk to," "(Need) help with transportation," "Not enough money to reach people in different areas," "(Need) someone to read; no one comes out after rehab training completed," and "Gift shop is often closed."

Asked for comments on how services could be improved, or what new services should be added, clients said:

"More activities for older people."  
"Transportation for evening activities."

"Get out to restaurants to practice eating skills."

"More teaching of crafts — things for children."

"More drivers to help us be independent and get around."

"Better cab drivers — more familiar with clients, how to treat the blind."

"Improve telecassette. Always broken."

"(More) meetings out in the community so people can get together."

"More advertising to reach people about services."

"Help with shopping."

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## Board Adds Two Members; Two Others Complete Terms

Edward G. Binkelman, Jr., immediate past president of the Toledo (Host) Lions Club, and Evelyn M. Bartz, immediate past president of ZONTA Club of Toledo 1, have been appointed to the Sight Center's board of trustees.

They replace J. Frank Johnson and Cynthia Krause, who completed one-year terms in June.

Mr. Binkelman is chairman of the board of Binkelman Bearings, Inc., Toledo. He has been a member of the Lions Club since 1961, when he returned to Toledo after serving eight years in the U.S. Army as an artillery officer and liaison pilot during and after the Korean War.

He is a member of the Toledo Club and Valleywood Country Club, and Grace Lutheran Church.

Mr. Binkelman and his wife, Sigrid, have two daughters, Mrs. Nancy Fisher, and Lynn, and two grandchildren.

Ms. Bartz is manager of Covenant House, Inc., Toledo. She has been a ZONTA Club member since 1972.

A graduate of Capitol University, Columbus, where she received a



Ms. Bartz



Mr. Binkelman

bachelor of arts degree, Ms. Bartz is a former instructor at Bowling Green State University, Toledo Hospital and Riverside Hospital Schools of Nursing, and the Florence Crittenton Home.

She also taught in the Toledo School District and at Mechanicsburg, Ohio, High School.

Her extensive involvement in community affairs includes service with the American Red Cross, Toledo Opera Club, Lucas County Health Council, United Church Women of the Toledo Area, Toledo Area Council of Churches, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lutheran Old Folks' Home, the Decem Center, YWCA, and the former United Fund.



## The Sign Post

Client advocate Nancy J. Brock, who also heads the Sight Center's Phone-A-Friend program, was re-appointed in June to a three-year term on the Ohio Library Service's consumer advisory committee. The committee advises the State Library of Ohio on program and policy matters concerning the Talking Book program.

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Top-rated Albert Sandin of Chicago took first prize in the U. S. Chess Championship for the Blind in Findlay, OH, July 25-27.

Second place was shared by Jose Solis, of Mexico; Donald Beaulieu II, Attleboro, Mass.; and last year's champion, Joe Kennedy, Ft. Wayne, Ind. In all, about 30 players took part. The event was sponsored by Ohio District 13-A Lion and Lioness Clubs, and the Findlay Chess Club.

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"The Sight Center on the Air," a weekly half-hour program of music, news, interviews, and matters of interest to the blind, will return to the airwaves at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, 1986. The program is broadcast over WAMP-FM (88.3 mg.), Scott High School's senior broadcast arts station, which donates its facilities and air time to the Center.

## BGSU, Cleveland State Interns Finish Tours Here

Beverly R. Gerner, a master's degree candidate at Bowling Green State University, and Cynthia Cook-Reynolds, a June graduate of Cleveland State University, completed 10-week internships at the Sight Center last month.

Ms. Gerner, a Toledo resident, was awarded three hours of graduate credit for her work as a rehabilitation counselor. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Relations from BGSU.

Ms. Cook-Taylor, a Cleveland resident, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in social service and rehabilitation of the blind.



Ms. Garner



Ms. Cook Reynolds



# Loretta Knows How It Is— And Remembers How It Was

Although most of them haven't met her, thousands of sight-handicapped people have come to know Loretta Turner in the last 19 years.

To many, she's a friendly, capable voice on the telephone.

For others, she's a regular participant at Happy Times meetings, Family Night dinners, summer camp, Christmas parties and other events.

Since 1975 she has handled sales of aids and appliance for the Sight Center while also administering the Talking Book program, supplying the machines or cassette tape players to people in 21 northwest Ohio counties. When clients have problems with their machines or cassette players, Mrs. Turner can be counted on to solve them.

When someone needs a talking calculator, braille watch, pair of extra-dark sunglasses, Perkins Brailier, Scrabble game, large-print book or other aid or appliance, Loretta Turner knows how to get it.

She knows the ins and outs of the Sight Center as well as anyone on earth, and for good reason: she is the agency's senior employee, in terms of continuous service.

But she's decided to tackle some of the personal projects she's had to put off over the years; accordingly, she will retire next Dec. 31.

When she arrived here in November, 1967, as combination receptionist, *Gott's On* editor, and secretary to former executive director Lyle Kirk, "Sight Center" hadn't been coined as the agency's title.

"Everyone knew it as the Toledo Society for the Blind," she said as she recollected some of the changes that have taken place.

When Mr. Kirk went into semi-



Still functional, this gleaming braille writer was manufactured by L. C. Smith and Corona Typewriters, Inc. for the American Foundation for the Blind about 1930. The stainless steel unit, donated to the Sight Center by Toledan Betty Kasubski, is considerably heavier and more durable than modern models, Mrs. Turner said.

retirement in 1972, Mrs. Turner became secretary/bookkeeper for the rehabilitation department.

"Many things are different now," she said.

"For one thing, the sheltered workshop was a thriving operation then. There was a time when it employed 80 people."

But the workshop relied very heavily on its principal contract, the packaging of exhaust system clamps and hangers for AP Parts Co., she said.

When the United States auto industry took a nose-dive in the mid-1970s, the fate of the workshop was sealed, although it was kept in operation, despite staggering losses, until Dec. 31, 1984.

"Now, it's Merit Industries," she said, "and it's operated by the Zepf Community Mental Health Center. But it still employs some blind workers, and that's good."

Many people and events stand out in her memory, but her saddest experience came on an April day in 1977 when Mr. Kirk, who had complained of not feeling well, suffered a heart attack in his office. He was pronounced dead at St. Vincent Medical Center a short time later.

Mrs. Turner also vividly recalls working through the noise, dust and confusion when the Center's interior underwent major remodeling in 1978-79.

"But it was worth it," she said. "In the old days, there was no air-conditioning, and there were times in the summer when the heat was unbearable, even with fans going."

She has the highest praise for the Telephone Pioneers of America, retired electronic technicians who come regularly to the Center to repair broken Talking Book machines and cassette players, and who have helped in many other ways.

"They have been simply great, every one of them. When the Pioneers say they're going to do something, they do it."

Her retirement plans include a trip to Seattle to visit relatives, some home gardening, and "Plenty of Lake Erie walleye fishing," she said. "We haven't had the boat in the water for three years."

Travel is a future possibility, she added, but not until her husband, Edward, retires three years from now. She and Mr. Turner have a son, Dan, and two grandsons, Danny, 6, and David, five months.

## Lions Christmas Party Scheduled

The Toledo (Host) Lions Club will hold its 61st annual Christmas party for the blind at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Gladioux I and II, Laskey Road west of Douglas Road, Toledo.



Mrs. Turner

## How's Your V-V? (Vision Vocabulary)

For a change of pace, a crossword puzzle has been included in this edition of the newsletter to test your vision vocabulary. A number of terms relating to sight are scattered throughout. If the feature proves popular, more such puzzles will be included in future editions—space permitting.

The solution is on Page 4.

### ACROSS

- 1. Handled bestially
- 6. Irish playwright
- 10. Japanese beverage
- 14. Greek marketplace
- 15. In order to (Sp.)
- 16. Cord ball
- 17. Of an ancient symbol
- 18. Greek philosopher
- 20. Obstruction
- 22. Circular strips
- 23. Mexican huzzah
- 24. Vessel
- 26. Light-sensitive membrane
- 30. Rural place
- 31. Na Na
- 34. Minced oath
- 35. Salt-water skeleton
- 37. Male of various animals
- 38. Mental defective
- 40. Ump's call
- 41. Imprint
- 43. Negative prefix
- 44. Arctic mammal
- 47. Russian city
- 48. Picnic pest
- 49. Goddess of discord
- 50. French physicist
- 52. Preposition
- 53. Monk's title
- 54. To parch
- 57. Eye disease
- 62. Idle eye
- 65. Elegant apartment

### DOWN

- 1. Recreation area (Fr.)
- 2. Water (Sp.)
- 3. Habit
- 4. Assam silkworm
- 5. Synthetic fiber
- 6. Room
- 7. Male deer
- 8. Onassis
- 9. Existed
- 10. Move swiftly
- 11. Choir member
- 12. An iodine source
- 13. Female sheep
- 19. River in England
- 21. Expression of pity
- 24. African language group
- 25. Business structure (abbr.)
- 26. Queen (Sp.)
- 27. Heath, locale in Hardy's *Return of the Native*
- 28. Contaminate
- 29. Wedding words
- 30. (long knickers) fours
- 31. Fixed gaze
- 32. Blind poet
- 33. Plentiful
- 36. Acute infectious virus
- 39. Double sawbuck
- 42. Conical toy
- 45. Branch of the humanities
- 46. Roosevelt
- 51. German rifle
- 52. Bit of land
- 53. Moderately daft
- 54. Veteran mariners
- 55. Neglect
- 56. Competent
- 57. Superficial brilliance
- 58. Mobility tool
- 59. *The Good Earth* character
- 60. Dust speck
- 61. Afresh
- 63. Japanese sash
- 64. Light blow

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# Reduced Deficit Is Goal of Contract, UW Memberships

A series of steps to reduce the Sight Center's operating deficit has been announced by Paul Noel, controller. Applications have been made for membership in the Sandusky County and Erie County United Way programs, he said, and discussions are being held with officials of the Monroe County, Michigan, United Way for the same purposes.

In addition, a contract has been negotiated with the Toledo School District that provides \$10,000 a year for screening the sight of first, third and fifth grade pupils in the district.

In the past, the Sight Center provided those screenings without charge to the school district, but has come under increasing pressure to require the district, which has income of its own, to pay for the service.

If the Sight Center joins the Erie and Sandusky county United Ways as expected, initial budget requests will be submitted in 1987 for funding in 1988.

Last year, the Center provided approximately \$14,400 in services to Erie County residents, and about \$13,000 to those residing in Sandusky County.

The Sight Center has been a member of the United Way of Greater Toledo (UWGT) throughout its history, and a member of the Henry County United Way since it was formed in 1982.

THE UWGT, encompassing Lucas, Wood and Ottawa Counties, provides approximately 30 per cent of the agency's annual operating money. For 1986, that amounted to \$185,600, while the Henry County United Way supplied another \$6,400.

"We've asked for \$237,000 from UWGT for 1987," Mr. Noel said, "and we can justify every cent of it."

"But it's very unlikely that we will get such a large increase. Every one of the 75 agencies in the UWGT would like to have more money, but there just isn't enough to go around."

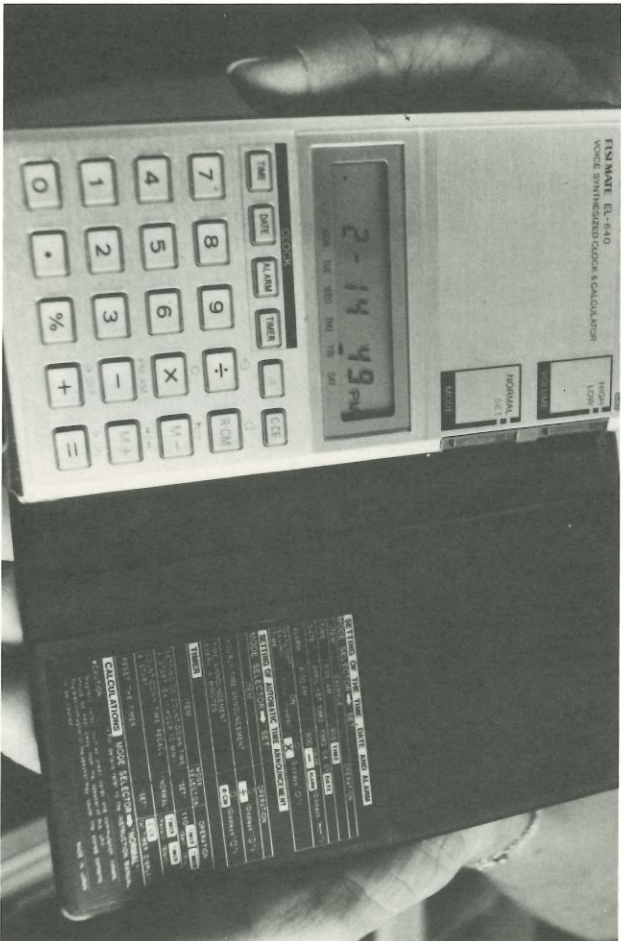
## 1986 Christmas Cards Now on Sale

Six new selections of Christmas cards, featuring traditional religious, non-denominational or business themes went on sale at the Sight Center Sept. 15.

Prices are \$10 per box of 25, the same as last year. Some styles from previous years are available at \$7 per box.

Cards may be picked up at the Center, or will be shipped anywhere in the world on the buyer's instruction for \$2 per order. Imprinting of names or personal messages (maximum of two lines) is available at \$6 per selection.

## Talking Calculator



Besides performing the usual functions of a pocket-sized calculator, this combination calculator/digital clock utilizes synthetic speech to give time or computations audibly.

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it increases the rate of delivery to whatever the listener can handle. Studies have shown that it improves retention of the material studied while reducing listening time.

Certain low-cost, tried-and-true devices for those with sight handicaps will probably always be in demand: sunglasses and visors; braille and large-print playing cards, checkers, chess and Scrabble games; self-threading needles and signature guides; large-print dictionaries, cookbooks and Bibles; magnifiers of all sizes, shapes and power; and what may be the biggest bargain of all: Talking Books.

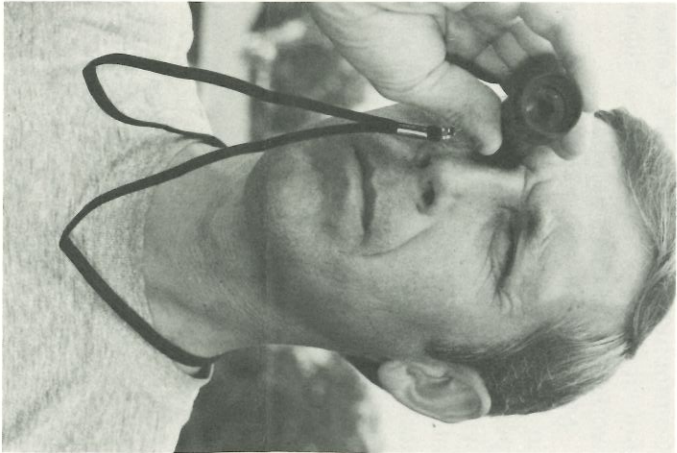
The Talking Book program was created by Congress in the mid-1930's, when electric record players made their appearance. An enormous variety of materials on all educational levels is available to Talking Book users.

The Sight Center has more than 2,500 Talking Book machines and cassette tape players on indefinite loan to clients in its 21 Ohio Counties.

There is no charge to the user. When certification is received that the applicant is legally blind, or qualifies for the program on the basis of certain other physical handicaps such as paralysis or severe arthritis which prevent that person from turning pages, a Talking Book machine or cassette player, or both, is shipped from the Sight Center to the new client via U. S. Mail as free matter for the blind.

The client receives the books of his choice from the Cleveland Public Library — again, free matter for the blind — and returns them the same way. The "books" may be hard or floppy disks for the Talking Book machines, or tapes for the cassette players.

If a machine malfunctions, the user ships it back as free matter to the Sight Center, where volunteer tech-



A compact, hand-held monocular can be helpful to people with diminished sight in a wide variety of applications.

nicians from the Telephone Pioneers of America repair it without charge.

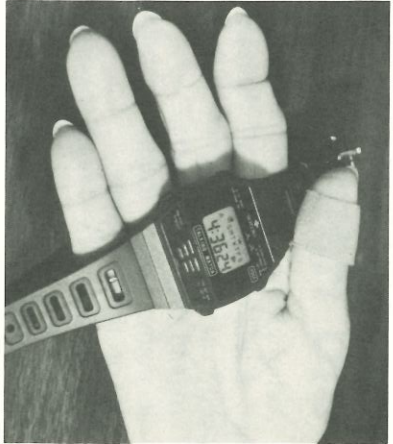
In the area of travel, the concensus among orientation and mobility instructors is that the long, white cane will remain the standard tool for blind people in the immediate future, although they foresee some use of such battery-operated devices as the Laser cane, Sonic Guide or Mowat Sensor, each of which provides users with information the standard cane does not give.

The Laser cane functions by emitting rays straight ahead, down, overhead and to the side that trigger different noises when they strike something in the walker's path.

It can also be switched to a silent mode, where vibrations in the cane's handle provide information to the traveler.

The Mowat Sensor uses ultrasonic sound to "spot" objects in its path as the user scans with it, just as a

## Talking Watch



sighted person would do with a flashlight.

The Sonic Guide resembles an ordinary pair of spectacles, but is fitted with sound-emitting and receiving gear in the nosepiece.

Use of any of these devices, however, requires that the blind traveler first become proficient with the standard cane. And all of them are expensive.

The Laser cane and Sonic Guide sell for about \$3,000 apiece; the Mowat Sensor, for about \$500.

A hand-held monocular is another useful tool for those with diminished sight. Market prices range from \$10 to \$100 or more.

## State Group Recognizes Henry Nelson

Further honors were accorded Sight Center volunteer Henry Nelson in June when he was named Volunteer of the Year by the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Handicapped in Ohio (AERO).

Mr. Nelson, whose volunteer services on behalf of the blind cover nearly three decades, was feted at a dinner that concluded AERO's 1986 state conference in the Great Southern Hotel, Columbus.

In February, he was one of three area citizens honored by the United Way of Greater Toledo as the first recipients of the Henry L. Morse Community Service Award, which was created to recognize those who have given unusual service to their fellow humans.

## Crossword Answer

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## Francis

### Linger Had been Honored for Service to the Blind

Francis J. Linger, 69, active in northwest Ohio Lions work and a Sight Center volunteer who gave thousands of hours of his time in the cause of sight preservation, died Aug. 15 in St. Luke's Hospital, Maumee. He was honored in April as 1986 recipient of the John Goerlich Distinguished Service Award, given in recognition of his contribution in the fight against blindness.

In 1983, he was named one of Lucas County's ten outstanding seniors by the Area Office of Aging.

Although he performed several kinds of volunteer service, Mr. Linger's principal field was in screening adults for glaucoma. He had traveled to all 23 counties in the Sight Center's service area, using an air-puff tonometer to perform thousands of screenings in scores of localities.

Mr. Linger, who was better known as Frank to his many friends, became active in volunteer work following retirement in 1978 from Conrail, where he had been a road conductor for 45 years.

He became a member of the Maumee Lions Club the same year, and was elected its president the following year. He was elected to a second term as club president in 1985-86, and had also served as chairman of Zone 4, District 13-A, for Ohio Lions.

At the time of his death, he was vice president of the Northwest Ohio Lions Eye/Ear Bank.

In 1985, he served as area chairman of the American Cancer Society, and had served as a collector in Easter seal campaigns and the Mothers March on Polio.

He was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help church, Toledo.

Surviving are his wife, Maxine; daughters, Mrs. Julie Porter, Maumee, and Mrs. Kathleen Wielinski, Waterville; sisters, Mrs. Pauline Dungan, Mrs. Rose Watkins, and Mrs. Therese Glesner, all of Toledo, and four grandchildren.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Toledo.

## Patricia A. Knell

Patricia A. Knell, 48, coordinator of the Sight Center's prevention of blindness program from September, 1980, until her retirement in May, 1984, died July 28 in St. Charles Hospital, Toledo. She was the first person to occupy the blindness prevention coordinator's position here on a full-time basis.

She is survived by her husband, Richard, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jackson.

## Bridging the Gap:

# Symposium Gives Ophthalmic Aides a New Look at Sight Loss

Telling by Touch



*Touch-N-Tell books crafted for sight-handicapped children drew the attention of Diane Phillips, an ophthalmic assistant for Drs. Charles Smith and James Cooper. The books are made by volunteers.*

## Sighted Guide



## 3 Area Blind Are Named to ORSC Advisory Council

Three sight-handicapped persons have been appointed charter members of the Ohio Rehabilitation Service Commission's consumer advisory council for northwest Ohio (Zone 3). Nancy J. Brock, client advocate for the Sight Center; Dawn Christensen, a former agency receptionist, and David Newmeyer, vocational development specialist for the Ohio Bureau of Service for the Visually Impaired, are among 16 persons named to the new body, which will provide consumer input to the ORSC on matters affecting the handicapped.

Zone 3 includes Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Van Wert, Williams and Wood Counties.

Ophthalmological assistants who took part in an August symposium here found themselves cast in new roles: that of people who have just learned that further medical treatment cannot help them, that they are blind and will remain that way.

The symposium was designed to enable medical assistants to move such patients along the road to rehabilitation by discussing community resources with them, explaining what kind of help is available, from whom, and how to go about getting it.

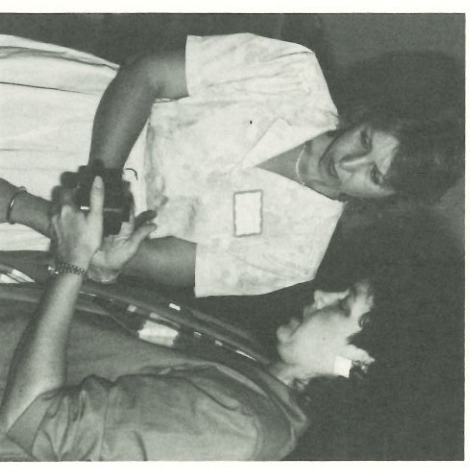
It included a panel discussion with current and former Sight Center clients, who described their personal problems in adjusting to sight loss, as well as hands-on experience with mobility training, rehabilitation teaching, the uses and availability of aids and appliances, and social services helpful to their patients.

Three hours of Continuing Education Credit were awarded to those who took part in the symposium.

*Paula Zaki, clinical supervisor for Drs. Ravin, Birkdorf and Ravin, donned a mask to follow mobility instructor Mary Reiff, who demonstrated the proper technique a sighted guide would use for leading a blind companion safely.*

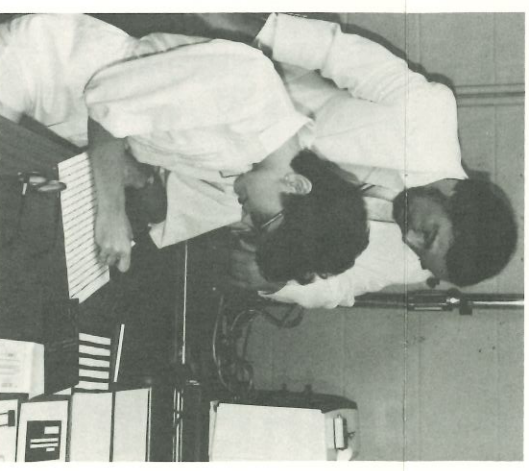
*Under the coaching of rehabilitation teacher Ron Pompei, Becky Kuhn, right, an ophthalmic assistant for Drs. Charles Smith and James Cooper, tried her hand at writing on lined paper while wearing modified spectacles that prevented her from seeing the paper.*

Sound and Touch



*Braille and large-print timers, and marked controls on cooking ranges, thermostats and refrigerators were just a few of the aids and appliances Eugenia Johnson, left, ophthalmic assistant to Dr. Norman Johnson, discussed with rehabilitation teacher Gail Sheffield.*

## Communications



## Panel Discussion



*Some ophthalmologists have been known to consider blind patients, for whom they can do nothing further medically, as their "failures." But blind people have their own point of view on things, this group of ophthalmic assistants learned from Lola King, Lois Henning, and Kurt Dyal, seated at top center.*



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## Low Vision

Low vision is the third leading cause of functional limitations among people over 65, following heart disease and arthritis, according to the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

## 1986 United Way Campaign Under Way



**Robert H. Carille, Senior Vice President and regional executive for Northwest Ohio, The Huntington National Bank, announced plans for the United Way's \$12.1 million fund drive for 1986 in a press conference at the Sight Center July 16. The dollar amount is largest ever sought locally by the United Way, he said. Considerably more money is needed to meet the community's true needs, but \$12.1 million was settled upon as a realistic target, he added.**

**When the conference ended, guests were free to tour the Sight Center. Chuck Willis, at right, director of finance and administration for the United Way, put on a mask to explore the Center with mobility impaired Cynthia Cook-Reynolds as a blind client would do.**



Every day of the year, thousands of Americans die intestate — without having drafted a will.

Some of them simply never gave it any thought.

Others seem unable to find time to meet with an attorney. (There is no law that says you must have an attorney help you draft your will, but it's a good idea.)

Others think that their small estate does not require a will.

There are also people who are unwilling to confront the certainty of their eventual death. But failure to draft a will does not postpone death. It simply means that your estate — personal property, real estate, savings accounts, stocks, bonds and other assets — will be disposed of according to state law, rather than by your own, personal plan... and state laws governing this situation are seldom satisfactory to you or your heirs.

When you draft a will, you can appoint your own executor. Certain favorable tax results can often be obtained through a proper will. And joint ownership of property is not a satisfactory substitute for a will — especially when those owners die simultaneously, as sometimes happens. If you don't already have one, the time to draft your will is now, and the place should be your attorney's office.

Take care of your family responsibilities, and then, if your circumstances permit it, consider a religious or charitable gift to such non-profit organizations as the Toledo Society for the Blind. Such a gift can be of many kinds: money, real estate, insurance policies that have outlived their original purpose, stocks or bonds, jewelry or other assets. It will serve as a living memorial to your thoughtfulness by aiding blind or visually-impaired people lead lives of independence and dignity.

Care should be taken to ascertain and spell out the exact corporate name and address of the charitable organization.

Last but not least, the fact that you have made a will should be made known to your heirs, and this valuable document should be kept in a place where it can be found and probated, not locked in a drawer or safe-deposit box with only you knowing of it.